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FASCINATING STORY OF "PLANT WIZARD"

Edward Eccleston Last Friday Evening Gave an Illustrated Lecture on "Luther Burbank."

BREEDING AND SELECTION

Wonderful New Forms and Species of Plants "Created" by the Genius of Famous Californian.

The lecture on "Burbank," the man and his methods, at the Crystal Theater last Friday evening was attended by a large and attentive audience who enjoyed the message brought directly from the wonderful "plant wizard" of California. Edward Eccleston, a personal friend of the great plant breeder, illustrated his talk with colored slides that showed the wonderful colorings of the plants, many of them entirely unfamiliar and of new species.

He said in part:

"A child affectionately clasping in his hands, awake or asleep the fair flower in his father's garden disdaining the usual toy—then a striping groping on hands and knees at dusk down long rows of plants patiently searching for a coveted potato seed ball—then a struggling nurseryman in a California village whose amazing resourcefulness is the admiration of the countryside, and, finally, the ripened scientist whose friendship is cherished by crowned heads, honored by learned societies, without a peer in his chosen life-work—these four flashlight pictures fairly epitomize the career thus far of one of the world's best-loved and California's greatest citizen—Luther Burbank."

"Manifesting itself already in childish preferences, stamping the youth's destiny by the accomplishment of the Burbank potato, and steadily growing through stages of patient, persistent effort to genius—the evolution of the life of the great horticulturist may be aptly compared with the evolution of one of his own marvelous plant creations."

"Who Luther Burbank is and what he has done has been told in a myriad of books and publications of every sort. A brief biographical sketch includes his birth in Massachusetts in 1849; his arrival in California in 1875 after having discovered the potato which bears his name; and since then his systematic and unwearying devotion to the improvement of plant life, conducting experiments on an unprecedented scale and steadily adding new forms of incalculable benefit to the world."

"Sincere, modest, indefatigable, he is a man whose life stands above reproach, whose character is of the noblest type, and whose heart overflows with kindness. The years of his unremitting study and tremendous

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Tom Lea Here

Tom Lea, mayor-elect of El Paso was in Deming Wednesday and yesterday en route to Faywood Hot Springs where he will relax from the strain of a most strenuous campaign. He expects to spend several days "taking the cure."

NUTT STATION

Olen Featherston of Deming visited the Crosbys a few days last week.

James T. Hall and family are in El Paso for the convention.

Mrs. E. A. Davis entertained the Nutt Sewing Circle last Saturday at their first meeting. Those present were: Mrs. Horn and Miss Emily of McLean of Lake Valley, Mrs. Will Hall, Miss Elizabeth Kinney, Mrs. J. H. Crosby, Mrs. Hattie Barksdale, Mrs. E. A. Davis, Imogene Crosby and Margaret Davis. Nice refreshments were served. A large attendance is expected next Saturday which will be held at the home of Mrs. Crosby.

Harry Thompson and Will Hall were in Nutt Saturday.

Bud Latham was in from the ranch this week.

Clay Holland is attending the convention in El Paso.

ALBUQUERQUE GETS NEXT CATTLEMAN'S CONVENTION

J. H. Nations of El Paso, was unanimously elected president by the Panhandle and Southwestern Cattleman's association at its concluding session Thursday.

Albuquerque was given the 1916 convention, after a hard fight with Amarillo. Much credit for securing the convention for New Mexico was due to a speech of Felix Martinez of El Paso.

The airtight quarantine against the rest of the world for the foot-and-mouth disease promulgated by the governor of Texas was given hearty endorsement. The quarantine of New Mexico was also endorsed. The "wise and patriotic policy" of the governors of each state in promulgating their quarantine was also given approval.

We Are Twelve Club

The We Are Twelve Club met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Ament on Granite avenue. Cards were played until 5 o'clock, after which the hostess served a delightful 2-course luncheon. The guests of the club were Mrs. Albert Field and Mrs. J. G. Moir. Highest club score was made by Mrs. Chris Rathel and the high guest score by Mrs. J. G. Moir. The club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. C. H. Hon.

FARMERS HAD LIVELY MEETING AT COUNTY COURT HOUSE SATURDAY

Matter of Establishing a Sub-station at Hondale Came up and Interesting Discussion Ensued; Not to Establish Station as was Authorized.

The stockholders of the Mimbres Valley Farmers' Association met Saturday afternoon at the county court house to consider the matter of placing an oil sub-station at Hondale. There were a few other matters to be considered also, but the main issue caused such a diversion that the rest were soon forgotten, although the meeting held until late in the afternoon. The board of directors had granted the request of the Hondale members, but a meeting was called in question of the action. The board was not sustained and the sub-station will not be installed.

For a time the debate became quite acrimonious, and some of the Hondale subscribers threatened to pull out of the association. However, it is believed, that this misfortune will not occur. No doubt, the majority of the association will extend some relief to the Hondale district by paying drayage or freight charges until such time as it is deemed advisable to install the sub-station.

At the rate the Hondale region is growing, it will not be long until a sub-station will be fully justified, according to the ideas of those who control a majority of the stock.

Attempts to get control of the stock by certain "interests" were freely charged, but under the articles of incorporation it would seem impossible to bring about this, if it were opposed.

BUSINESS MEN URGED TO MEET MILITIA OFFICERS

The business men of Deming are invited to meet General Herring and Lieutenant Test at the Adelphi Club tonight at 8:30 for the purpose of discussing armory matters. Be there.

The first Dodge car came in from El Paso today driven by Morris Nordhaus. P. A. Hughes and Jene Mason accompanied him on the trip.

Miss Willa Sheppard of Safford, Arizona, spent Sunday at the Deming Cottage Sanatorium. Miss Sheppard is a strong advocate of artificial pneumothorax in the treatment of tuberculosis.

D. D. Wintamute has returned from an extended trip to middle Western points.

Miss Florence McLaughlin, formerly of Tyrone, was in Deming this week en route to her home in Moline, Kansas.

Word has been received here of the serious illness of John H. Blackford, formerly of Deming, but now in a hospital in Sacramento, Cal. Paralysis has caused almost total disability.

\$40,000 WORTH FARM PRODUCTS WERE SOLD

In Last Sixty Days Markets for Practically all Mimbres Valley Products Have Been Found.

COUNTY AGENT DID THE WORK

Estimated That \$1,000 in Commissions Have Already Been Saved to the Farmers in This Way.

P. D. Southworth, county agricultural agent, reports that he has opened markets for the sale of forty thousand dollars worth of farm products in the territory contingent to Deming. This quantity can be disposed of within the next twelve months, deliveries in many cases having already been made.

NATIVE HAY SOLD

The Texas quarantine against the world, on account of the foot-and-mouth disease, has somewhat upset the arrangement for the sale of native hay to army contractors. Several cars have already been shipped, however, to points outside of Texas and sold. Orders for several cars of fat hogs are now on file. For these the prevailing market price can be realized. There are \$4,000 worth of beans on hand, that can be disposed of at a very handsome profit, the shipments of this commodity being very heavy at this time. Beans have all but gone off the market, on account of the unprecedented demand.

SALES RECORDED

The following have been sold within the last sixty days: \$6,000 worth of beans, \$10,000 worth of milo maize, \$2,000 worth of alfalfa hay, \$400 worth of pork. In most cases the produce of the Mimbres Valley has claimed a premium over the regular market price. This is especially true of the hay. On account of an unusually wet season, the pink beans are seldom up to the usual standard, and the yield was only about half what it has been in the past. Record high prices have, however, more than made good what threatened to be a loss on the bean crop. Worms and rust are credited with having caused the trouble. The hardy pink bean has few enemies in normal seasons.

\$1,000 SAVED

It is estimated that the work of the county agent has already saved \$1,000 in commissions to the Mimbres Valley farmers. As the county agent's salary is but \$1,800, it would seem that this "side line" alone has netted a handsome profit on the investment in scientific agriculture.

TUNIS AND RED MOUNTAIN

Messrs. Lano, Sylvanus, Goforth and Shaw have just finished doing considerable winter plowing on their ranches, having plowed about seventy-five acres.

Mrs. Mary Lake is making a short visit in Missouri and Oklahoma and will return shortly to her Red Mountain ranch. Mrs. Lake thinks there is no place like the Mimbres Valley—and the lady is correct.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, who are mourning the death of their baby girl.

R. S. Ackerman has leased the Jacobs-Sherman ranch for three years. We wish our neighbor much success in his work on this ranch.

Last Monday the Red Mountainers gathered at the Tunis school house to fix up the fence. As it happened that many men could not be present, the work was not quite finished. At noon the ladies kindly provided lunch for the workers and it was "some" lunch, too. So it has been decided to call another work day for Saturday, March 6, beginning at 8 a. m., as the work has not been quite finished. The ladies of the neighborhood will prepare the dinner as before, and the men will do the work. So far, the fence line has been grubbed and leveled, the two front gates erected and the four corner posts have been put in position. If the weather is favorable, it is likely that the task will be all finished next Saturday. Friends, let us all come and see if we cannot finish up all the work this time.

Last Monday evening the Red Mountain Literary Society held a special

THE COTTAGE SANATORIUM HAS RECEIVED MANY BOOKS

The Deming Cottage Sanatorium has received a gift of forty bound books of fiction, a number of bound magazine series, and a quantity of stationery. These are for the use of the patients under Dr. Janet Reid's care. The doctor says she intends to see that every friend of hers back East shall become interested in the institution, and become boosters for Deming.

Methodist Church

Hemlock St. at Iron Ave.
9:45 a. m. Sunday school, J. S. Vaught, superintendent; Mrs. F. C. Peterson, senior school superintendent.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
6:30 p. m. Epworth league, Miss Bessie Comer, leader.

7:30 Evening worship.
Please note that the morning and evening services have been resumed. Kindly bring in all the hymnals. Drop the numbers of favorite hymns which you wish to be sung in the revival, into the basket, or give them to the pastor. The revival services will be held March 21.

EDWARD C. MORGAN

Pastor

J. M. McTeer of Albuquerque, is in the city transacting business.

OLD TIMERS OF DEMING AND LUNA COUNTY WILL MEET NEXT FRIDAY

Third Annual Banquet and Reunion to Convene at Harvey House where Sigmund Lindauer will Preside as the President and Toastmaster.

The members of the Old Timers' Association will meet next Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Harvey hotel as the guests of their president, Sigmund Lindauer. This is the third annual banquet and reunion, when the pioneers of Deming, who have been here thirty-two years, will meet to tell again the story of the early days. The meetings are always well attended, and the "old timers" enjoy the renewing of their friendships, formed when the country was new. No deaths have occurred among the hale pioneers since the last gathering.

Secretary Edw. Pennington has issued the invitations in his usual pleasing manner. The invitation reads:

"Bring with you this card, and your old-time smile;
Banish the gloom and be young for awhile.
Wear what you have—we don't care for style—
It's you that we'll see, not your coat or your tile."

Stockholders' Meeting

There will be an adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Mimbres Valley Creamery Association at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the court house.

New Fords Here

A car containing nine Fords of the new models was received by J. S. Kerr, agent for the machine here. The new car has a streamline body, electric horn, lights, starter, and many other new attachments. Almost the entire shipment has already been sold.

Mrs. Mary Hudson made a trip to El Paso Wednesday.

cial meeting at the school house. The program composed music by the orchestra, recitations and a debate, the subject of which was "Resolved, that Woman Suffrage is desirable." This was strenuously debated by G. J. Chandler for the affirmative, who, in the absence of W. A. Ramsey, his colleague, took both parts of the affirmative, and by Messrs. Phillips and Johnson for the negative side. The debaters were armed with much data and statistics and, as the debate was a war to the finish, a lively verbal battle was witnessed. The three judges, J. W. Sharp, Geo. Ramsey and Mrs. Brown, rendered a decision for the negative.

Tonight, March 5, the Red Mountain Literary Society will hold its regular club meeting at the Tunis school house. All are urged to attend. As no meeting was held on February 19, your correspondent found it impossible to insert the program of this meeting in the last issue of this paper.

ALLIES CONTINUE TO BATTER DARDANELLES

Outer Defenses Destroyed by Warships That Now are Bombarding the Inner and Last Line.

RUSSIANS DEFEAT GERMANS

In the Western Area French and English Attacks Continue. With Claims of Some Progress.

A British officer of the allied fleet which is bombarding the Dardanelles is quoted in a dispatch from Athens as saying that only two forts now remain intact. The bombardment of the inner forts was resumed this morning and ten large warships entered the straits for this purpose. The reports of extensive damage to the fortifications are not borne out, however, by dispatches from Constantinople. One such message to a Berlin newspaper states that the injury to the outer forts is less than has been reported and that the inner fortifications, which constitute the more important defenses, have not yet been reached. The American tanker Pluturn has been detained at Kirkwall, by order of the British admiralty. The Pluturn was formerly a German vessel transferred to American registry after the outbreak of the war.

The German military authorities admit the recapture of Prasyszyn, northern Poland, by the Russians, but assert the Russians suffered so severely during the attack that they were unable to disturb the orderly retreat of the Germans. This account is at variance with the Russian report of a few days ago, which stated that the German retreat was the most disorderly and precipitate of any in that area of military activity.

The French war officer has given a more definite idea of the extent of the battle now in progress in the Champagne district. The attacking front is about four miles in length, and it is asserted that the allies now hold German positions to the depth of about two-thirds of a mile.

The official German statement of today says French attacks in this region were repulsed easily. North of Arras, near the Belgian border, the Germans captured positions of the allies, which they say were nearly a mile in extent.

PRESIDENT OF DEFUNCT LAS CRUCES BANK IS ARRESTED

T. R. H. Smith was arrested on indictment yesterday morning and is being held in custody of guard pending furnishing of \$15,000 bond which he expects to make tonight. The charge is in connection with the failure of the First State bank but the exact nature of it is not known.

John Joerns, accountant for the committee, went on the stand yesterday morning and introduced a statement of the affairs of the defunct bank which showed liabilities of \$269,953.51, assets of \$105,947.75, at the valuation fixed by the examining committee and a net loss to creditors of \$164,005.86 as the result of the bank's failure.

Joerns testified that a credit of \$10,000 arising from the Toyah bank item had been converted to Smith's personal account.

The amount of Smith paper in the bank, he testified, was nearly \$94,000 and notes of stockholders were \$127,000 or 55 per cent of the total notes and their overdrafts nearly \$22,000 or 7.7 per cent of the total overdrafts. Other witnesses were Oscar C. Snow, W. A. Sutherland, W. W. Cox and A. J. Engquist.

WILL DEMONSTRATE MANY USES OF MILO MAIZE FLOUR

Arrangements have been made for a demonstration of the uses to which milo maize flour can be put as food. The demonstration will be held next Thursday afternoon at the Deming Mercantile Company's store on Gold avenue. A complete lunch, including coffee, maple syrup for the hot cakes, etc., will be provided without cost.

While the flour has been but recently placed on the local market it has already been ascertained that fine cakes, bread, gems, pancakes, and breakfast food can be made from the crop which yields so profitably in this section. O. E. Bailey states that he soon expects to have enough of the flour to supply the local market.

THE "EARTH" COMES ACROSS WITH DEMING ADVERTISING

The "Earth," the Santa Fe system's colonization magazine, devotes the current issue to setting forth the attractions of the Mimbres Valley from a homeseeker's standpoint. The issue is profusely illustrated with scenes in the city and valley. The leading article is by the editor. Others are written by W. E. Holt and Clyde Earl Ely.

Carl Strickler of El Paso is in the city visiting his parents.

D. E. Sutherland, a banker of Ironwood, Michigan, and Mrs. Sutherland are in the city visiting Mrs. C. J. Laughren.

J. D. Kiegan of El Reno, Oklahoma, is in the city visiting Gust Wehnhoefer.

Walter Birchfield is among the Luna county visitors to the women's association meeting at El Paso.

Pet Nunn attended the sessions of the women's association this week at El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathel went to El Paso to attend the stockmen's convention.

PROBE OF DEFUNCT BANK AT LAS CRUCES CAUSES SOME EXCITEMENT

Former President of Institution Lands Swing to Attorney Reed Hollman's Jaw; Dona Ana Grand Jury Would Like to Have Indicted the Governor

While legislation of a minor character is receiving attention at Santa Fe, things are warming up at the Las Cruces probe into the conditions surrounding the failure of the First State bank at Las Cruces. T. R. H. Smith, president of the defunct bank, Wednesday took a swing to the jaw of Reed Hollman, attorney for the legislative investigators, following some pointed questions which the "framed" financier did not like. Yesterday morning Smith was indicted by the Dona Ana county grand jury on a charge connected with the failure of the bank. He is being held under \$15,000 bond. A report states that Smith's bondsmen are Deming citizens but who they are is not stated.

The grand jury severely scored Governor McDonald, and regretted that on account of their official position it could not indict him and Traveling Auditor Howell Earnest, because of what was termed in the report of the grand jury, "criminal negligence."

The political feeling engendered, is making things exciting for Las Cruces. The charge that the republicans are making political capital of the investigation, is freely made. It is admitted, however, that politics entered largely into the management of the affairs of the State college in its relation to the defunct bank.

THE SIXTY-THIRD CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED SINE DIE

Washington—Congress adjourned sine die yesterday. The senate adjourned at 12:04 p. m. and the house, after turning back the hands of the clock, adjourned at 12:21 p. m.

The total appropriations of the session were approximately \$1,120,481,324, several millions under the record of previous congresses.

Two appropriation bills failed. Current appropriations for the postal service and the Indian bureau were extended for another year.

In the closing hours President Wilson signed the seamen's bill, the neutrality resolution, empowering him to prevent ships leaving American ports with supplies for belligerent warships; promoted Col. Goethals to be a major-general for his services as builder of the Panama canal, and gave promotions to other officers associated with the work.

The administration ship bill, the Philippine bill, the conservation bills, the rural credits provision of the agricultural bill and the ratification of the treaties with Colombia and Nicaragua—all hard pressed administration measures—fell by the wayside.

Foremost in the enactments of the 63d congress were:

The Underwood-Simmons tariff act with the income tax, which reduced Payne-Albright tariff law.

The federal reserve act, reorganizing the currency system.